The Energy Crops –EU Cooperation– Workshop is organized within the LogistEC project which aims to develop new or improved technologies of the biomass logistics chains. Cost-efficient, environmental-friendly and socially sustainable biomass supply chains are needed to achieve the 2020 EU RES targets that might be impeded by the potential scarcity of lignocellulosic biomass from agriculture.

The contribution of agriculture to the energy sector is expected to increase significantly in the coming 10 years. Therefore, a good understanding of the issues associated with energy crops is becoming essential for those involved in these initiatives. The workshop will focus on how to integrate energy crops within the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) after 2013. The discussions will cover all types of lignocellulosic crops: annual and multi-annual crops, perennial grasses, and short-rotation coppice.

The EU Cooperation Workshop will be specifically targeting EU policy makers in order to spread the findings of the project regarding possible measures to support the deployment of lignocellulosic-based value chains. The workshop will focus on trans-national cooperation and will involve speakers from EU DG Agriculture and Rural Development and several Member States representatives dealing with relevant policies. The targeted participants include scientists, national leaders for rural development programmes and farmers trade unions.

Participation to this workshop is free of charge.

Further information about LogistEC and this workshop can be found at www.logistecproject.eu.

REGISTRATION
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**AGENDA**

**Chair:** Jean-Marc Jossart, AEBIOM  
**Key Topics:** EU cooperation in the field of energy crops (see factsheet)  
**Target Audience:** EU and national policy makers, Project partners, Companies active in energy crops business, Relevant EU networks/associations

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| 10:00–12:00 | Session I: Policy | **Bioenergy and Biomass in new Common Agriculture Policy (CAP)**  
Andreas Gumbert, EC DG Agriculture, bioenergy, biomass, forestry and climate change unit
  
**The role of energy crops to meet the 2020 renewable targets and contribute to climate change mitigation beyond 2020,**  
Giulio Volpi, EC DG Energy
  
**Feedback on the effectiveness of the UK policy**  
Kevin Lindegaard, Crops for Energy Ltd
  
**Energy policy promoting energy crops in Poland**  
Przemysław Dobrzeniecki, POLBIO
  
Debate |
| 12:00–13:00 | Lunch           |                                                                         |
| 13:00–15:00 | Session II: Overview of Crops | **Energy crops today and tomorrow**  
Benoit Gabrielle, INRA, AgroParis Tech, LogistEC Coordinator
  
**Meet the supply challenges**  
Seppo Huurinainen, MHG Systems Oy Ltd
  
**Feedback from experiences:**  
- Miscanthus in Romania, by Ioan Sabău, Arge Miscanthus Romania  
- Poplar in Romania, by Paul Berdeaux, Forest and Biomass Services  
- Poplar in Italy, France and Spain, by Roberto Robetti, Biopoplar  
- Willow in the UK, by Mark Paulson, CRL  
- Willow in Sweden, by Annika Henriksson, SalixEnergi  
- Willow and poplar in Austria, by Karl Mayer, Styrian Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry  
- Willow in Ireland, by Barry Caslin, Teagasc
  
Debate: Other experiences from audience welcome on success and failure stories in Europe |
| 15:00–15:30 | Coffee Break    |                                                                         |
| 15:30–17:00 | Session III: Conclusions | **Wrap up of the workshop messages in terms of:**  
- EU cooperation  
- Necessary conditions for energy crops implementation |
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